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Conservation Commission Minutes 02/05/2009

ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES FEBUARY 5, 2009

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, William O'Rourke and Catherine Garnett of the Commission. Brian Thomas, applying for Associate membership, was also in attendance. Ellen Reed, Ezra Benjamin and Charles Tirone, of the Commission, were not in attendance.

7:45 p.m. - COMMISSION BUSINESS

The site walk for the Cookes Hollow project will be on Monday 2/9/09 at 1pm.

Mr. White reported that there are efforts in by other town groups to revitalize and coordinate planning of the Mill Brook Linear Park.

The DPW is organizing an <u>Ecofest</u> on March 28, 2009. The Conservation Commission is working to have a table at this event. Mr. White suggested a donation from the Arlington Land Stewardship fund to become an official "sponsor". He will coordinate this donation and seek the vote of approval at our next meeting.

The Park department has approved the use of <u>port-a-poties</u> at town fields during the gaming season. This amenity will be available through the generosity of the Arlington Soccer program.

The <u>Friends of Arlington's Great Meadows</u> has have produced their annual report. They are working to coordinate a habitat improvement proposal with the assistance of Jeff Collins of Mass Audubon, to keep open some of the upland areas that are turning into woods. open up some areas of the wetlands. We will be asked to review the plan once it is further along.

The Commission discussed compiling its <u>Annual Report</u>. Items to include: clean up of Meadowbrook Park, Town Day, Cookes Hollow RFP, Reservoir planting, MACC conference, Walking Book, FEMA.

White/O'Rourke motioned to approve the 1/8 and 1/22 minutes with minor edits; motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Corinna Beckwith Administrator